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Dear Sir:

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In a letter to the Secretary of Defense dated June 16, 1971, B-125037, we reported the results of our review of a random sample of military dependent travel vouchers paid by Air Force accounting and finance officers (AFO) during the period December 1967 through March 1968. This is a report on the results of our follow-up review of military dependent travel claims.

We reviewed an Air Force-wide random sample of 149 military dependent travel claims paid by AFOs during September 1974. On the basis of information shown on the vouchers and obtained from allotment records, retired pay records, household goods shipment information, and postal authorities, we have identified three questionable cases which we believe require additional development to determine whether the travel was performed as claimed and for the purpose of establishing a bona fide residence. The three cases are summarized in Enclosures 1 through 3.

In view of the questionable aspects of these three cases, we recommend that they be investigated and we be advised of the results of such investigations. The documents cited in the enclosures are on file at the Air Force Audit Staff and will be made available upon your request.

In our letter of June 16, 1971, we reported that the Air Force regulations were revised in September 1970 to require members to show in the remarks section of the DD Form 1351-4, (Voucher or Claim for

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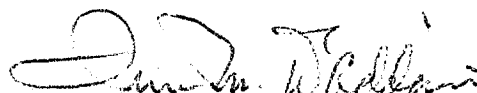
Dependent Travel and Dislocation or Trailer Allowance), the reason household goods were not shipped to the new address. We also reported that we had been informed that the DD Form 1351-4 had been revised to incorporate the household goods information, and that the revised form would be available for use by the services in April 1971 after the supply of the then current forms was exhausted.

It was our view at that time that use of the revised form and proper implementation of the revised regulation would help to reduce the type of improper payments disclosed by our review.

In our current review, we noted in 48 of the 149 cases involving 30 of the old and 18 of the new DD Forms 1351-4, that the members did not show the disposition of their household goods as required by Air Force Manual 177-103, paragraph 40202n. Because of the high incidence of failure to execute this item on the DD Form 1351-4, we recommend that action be taken to insure future compliance with this important control feature.

We would appreciate your comments and advice of the actions taken in this matter. Please contact Messrs. John F. Lee or Edward J. Simons of my staff at the Finance Center for any additional information or documents you may need.

Sincerely yours,



Irwin M. D'Addario
Regional Manager

Enclosures 3
Case Summaries

cc: Comptroller of the Air Force
Air Force Audit Agency Office,
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Enclosure 1

SUMMARY
CASE OF
RICHIE, JARRETT F. 445-36-2302

Facts

Voucher T-6466, September 1974, DSSN 5274, shows that the member's wife, Louise, and four children traveled from 7030 Butterfield Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78227 to 7049 Tamoshanter Way, Sacramento, California 95820, September 7 to 11, 1974, in connection with member's permanent change of station from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas to APO San Francisco 96330. The voucher further shows that the member's household goods were placed in storage.

Information furnished by the Postmasters at San Antonio, Texas and Sacramento, California shows that they have no record of Louise Richie at either location. Also, we found no record of an allotment to the member's wife.

Conclusion

Based on the fact that neither the Postmasters at San Antonio, Texas or Sacramento, California have a record of Louise Richie, it would appear that the claimed travel was not performed.

SUMMARY
CASE OF
PENN, FRED A. 417-78-8578

Facts

Voucher T-3935, September 1974, DSSN 5966, shows that the member's wife, Lavonne C., traveled from Edinburg, North Dakota to Route 1, Box 104, Vinemont, Alabama, July 26 to 29, 1974, in connection with member's separation from the Air Force, July 12, 1974, at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota. The voucher further shows that the member's household goods were shipped to the new address.

A search of the household goods master file at the U. S. Army Finance and Accounting Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, as of May 5, 1975, disclosed no record of a shipment of household goods in connection with member's separation. The Postmaster at Vinemont, Alabama advised us that Lavonne C. Penn is not listed with the Norman Penn family which resides at Route 1, Box 104, Vinemont, Alabama.

Conclusion

Based on the fact that no record of household goods shipment was found in the household goods master file, and the fact that the Postmaster at Vinemont, Alabama reported that Lavonne C. Penn was not listed with the Norman Penn family, it would appear that the claimed travel was not performed.

SUMMARY
CASE OF
MOORE, DWIGHT L. 260-54-9860

Facts

Voucher T-3173, September 1974, DSSN 6682, shows that the member's wife, Marion, and three children traveled from 9945a Belle Fourche Avenue, Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB), South Dakota 57706 to General Delivery, Tampa, Florida 33602, May 31 to June 10, 1974, in connection with member's retirement from the Air Force June 1, 1974, at Ellsworth AFB. The voucher further shows that the member's household goods were shipped to the new address.

Information furnished by the U. S. Army Finance and Accounting Center, Indianapolis, Indiana shows that the member's household goods were shipped as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>GBL</u>
5/25/74	1100 lbs.	MacDill AFB, Florida	K5440535
12/10/74	6150 lbs.	114 Lancelot Court, Warner Robins, Georgia	K5591019

The Retired Pay Master file shows that the member had a \$250 allotment in effect which was mailed to his wife at 9945a Belle Fourche Avenue, Rapid City, South Dakota from June through September 1974. In October 1974 the allotment address was changed to 1237 Kingswood Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia.

The Postmaster at Tampa, Florida reported no record of Marion Moore.

Conclusion

Based on the facts which show that (1) only a small amount of the member's household goods were shipped to MacDill AFB (Tampa) Florida, (2) the Postmaster at Tampa has no record of Marion Moore, and (3) the member's allotment is being sent to Warner Robins, Georgia, it appears that the claimed travel, if performed, was not performed for the purpose of establishing a bona fide residence.